

# Tributes to John Griffin

Former club scout passes away aged 81.

**Gareth Ainsworth and Richard Dobson have paid tribute to John Griffin, the Chairboys' former Chief Scout, who has passed away at the age of 81.**

'Griff' served the club under the management of both Peter Taylor and Gary Waddock, having held a long association with both Ainsworth and Dobson in his career.

Ainsworth said: "I first met 'Griff' back in 1992 when he was at Cambridge and I was breaking through as a youngster. He was a great guy and had a fantastic eye for a player. When I signed for Wycombe under Gary Waddock, John was the Chief Scout and, for all his achievements in the game, was still the most humble and supportive gentleman you could meet. Always there for a kind word or to give some good advice. Football has lost one of its great characters. He will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family."

Dobson added: "I have known John for about 20 years having worked with him at Brentford before reuniting with him at Wycombe. He was very highly regarded in scouting circles. Such a shame to lose a wonderful guy."

And former club secretary Keith Allen said: "Gentleman, friend, confidant, loyal man of integrity, stable, relaxed, family man, salt of the earth. Top scout, doyen of all scouts and dozens, no, hundreds owe their careers to him. Farewell Griff, find a good club to scout for up there; you will be missed greatly down here."